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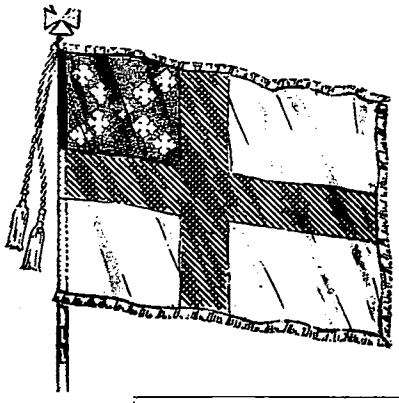
New Chancel of St. John's Church, Norristown, which celebrated its 130th Anniversary Jan. 4, 1943. Very Rev. James M. Niblo, D.D., is the Rector, and also Dean of the Convocation of Norristown.



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FEBRUARY

The only good thing that many of us can say about February is that it is short. For of all months of the year it is hardest to bear. Even winter's beauties have become tiresome by that time, and spring is not near enough at hand to make the cold more tolerable, as it is in March.

Yet aside from the weather February has many good points. Nationally it is the month of great birthdays, of Lincoln and of Washington, always the inspiration of all American patriots. And in the Church it is likely to be a month of good attendance, for distractions that draw people away in better weather lose their force while the wintry winds do blow; although many hug their fires at home and prefer the newspaper on Sunday mornings.

How much the fire-huggers have lost of the Spartan courage of our New England ancestors, who, according to the grim, old Puritan Chief Justice Sewall of Colonial Massachusetts, used to worship in churches so cold that in February they heard the hard-frozen sacramental bread "rattling sadly as it was broken into the plates." Even in these rationing days our churches aren't that cold! Fortunately holiness bears no relation to the weather; indeed a good argument might be made for the thesis that warm and delightful climates have produced more saints than cold and inhospitable ones.

There seems to be no intrinsic virtue in cold weather, cold churches or cold, hard seats, else all colonials in New England and all our early western pioneers would have been saints. And they distinctly were not! February's harsh breath does not make men any more religious even though it makes them more active and lively. Tennyson's comment on the dying year, "Let it die!" is what most people in this climate say as they watch February's last gasp. We are glad to see it go.

CLERICAL SALARIES

Because the clergy will not strike or sit down or even say anything about it themselves, THE CHURCH NEWS suggests to the lay men and women of every parish that at this time they give serious consideration to the subject of their rector's salary. Even when the cost of living was much lower, the average rector was able to get along only with supernatural care. For that reason the chances are that now he has been forced to reduce his scale of living below a standard that the loyal lay people of the parish would not tolerate if they knew the facts.

Since the rector will not complain and the laity may not see any external evidence of the hardships he may be enduring, every vestry should look into conditions in their own parish at once and see whether the rector should not have his salary raised sufficiently to enable him to do his work without being harassed by unholy poverty. No one wants to subject their rector to unnecessary hardship or to lower his efficiency by worry, but sometimes people are so busy that they forget those who do not make themselves heard by complaints or threats. Certainly some of our clergy should have their salaries raised now.

A WHITE PROBLEM

As recently as last October the cities of Memphis and Norfolk were both seriously upset by wild but very persistent rumors of a Negro uprising. In spite of the assurance of the F. B. I. that they could find no evidence of planned violence by either whites or blacks during a proposed blackout, the panic fear flared up again and again in both the white and colored sections of some southern cities and towns. Fortunately through the efforts of the city officials and the better newspapers, the rumors were finally silenced, and the friction was eased.

This incident should be enough in itself to startle us into a real preparation for the day when hundreds of thousands of Negro troops return to our states and cities, having fought abroad for the spiritual and economic independence of the common man regardless of his race or color. We had better be prepared to make some Christian adjustment in their behalf, and as a rule we are not even thinking about the problem but just following a policy of drift.

All this is what makes the conference on "The Negro and the Church" to be held in the Church House on Friday, February 19th, so timely and important. The Woman's Auxiliary and its Department of Christian Social Relations are to be congratulated on arranging this discussion, which it is hoped will be attended by many of our women, whether members of the Auxiliary or not. The so-called "Negro problem" is also a white problem. The sooner we realize that, the better for the Church and the Nation.

THE BUDGET BALANCED

The Secretary of the Diocese, Rev. Charles H. Long, has been able to report to the Department of Finance, at its January meeting, a very satisfactory outcome of the year's business. He said:

"The books of the Diocese of Pennsylvania were kept open until the evening of January 13, 1943, in order that every treasurer might have opportunity to present the entire missionary givings of his church and to make up the necessary amounts needed to balance the 1942 budget.

The budget for the Diocese's missionary work has been met and the full amount promised the National Council has been forwarded.

During the year it was necessary for the Department of Finance to adjust the budget in the item of mortgage reduction, with the understanding that if the budget is met and there be a balance in the givings of 1942 that such balance shall be shared on a pro-rata basis with the missions that have reduced some of their mortgage indebtedness. The mission treasurers must show receipts for the amounts of money paid in 1942 for mortgage reduction.

The executive office at this time cannot state the amount of money that may be available.

The bookkeeping department has to check back on the year's givings before the amounts contributed by parishes and missions can be published. The final report will be made in the March issue of THE CHURCH NEWS.

There is just cause for thankfulness, not only for the missionary givings, but for the spirit of co-operation and loyalty on the part of vestries and ministers. A diocese gets its strength and leadership from the missions and parishes. The Diocese of Pennsylvania is blessed with clergy who accept the Church's program and exert every effort in making it vital in terms of service and giving."

The Church News

OBJECT *1. To promote Unity of Diocesan Life by disseminating news of the Diocese, its institutions, parishes and missions, and by printing letters and pastorals by the Bishop from time to time. 2. To promote the Missionary and Benevolent Work of the Diocese by publishing reports and appeals, and by recording current news and events.*

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Bishop Taitt's Message

One of the great satisfactions of the Bishop of Pennsylvania is that the members of the Church give liberally of their funds that the Church may meet her obligations, and also give liberally of their personal service that the Diocese may be effectively and economically administered. I do not believe there is any diocese where men of great ability give more liberally of their time and talents.

One man who has served us so faithfully and well is obliged to retire because of his health. For many years and during the entire time of the present Bishop's administration, Mr. Arthur V. Morton has filled most efficiently the office of Treasurer of the Diocese. For the last year his health has made it impossible for him to continue and he has sent his resignation to the Standing Committee. They have decided that under the conditions, they must reluctantly accept it, but have hoped that with the able assistance of Mr. Frederick R. Drayton, who also has been most faithful, he may continue a little longer. Mr. Morton will never realize the joy that his service has given to the Bishop and to the whole Diocese.

I believe we have met our missionary obligation in full and have sent to the Church House in New York our full promise. This is a great joy to all connected with the Diocese.

The whole Church has selected a Presiding Bishop and Council to take charge of its entire missionary work. This Council determines what work the Church should do. It forms its various departments of work. It studies the field and determines its needs. It forms a budget and apportions its amount in a pro rata way

THE RT. REV. FRANCIS M. TAITT, S.T.D.

to the various dioceses. Its care is to see that its apportionment is just and fair. The Diocese then apportions that amount to the various parishes. Omniscience is not even given to a Diocese. It knows there is always a possibility of some parishes not reaching their quota and must hope and expect that other parishes will overpay. If this overpayment is not adequate, it appeals to individuals, but never until they have contributed through their parish. Be it said to the honor of this Diocese that these appeals have seldom failed.

We are now in the Epiphany season. The two great festivals in the early Church were Epiphany and Easter. On the festival of the Epiphany the Patriarch would send a letter to the Churches telling when Easter would occur. It was also one of the three great occasions when Baptism was administered and was sometimes called "The Feast of Lights," Baptism being known as "The Illumination."

The festival commemorated four great events. First, the Nativity or Birth of Christ; second, the visit of the Wise Men and His manifestation to the Gentiles; third, His Baptism and inauguration to His work; fourth, His first miracle. It was much later when a separate day was appointed to commemorate His Birth; so that in point of time Epiphany antedated Christmas Day. It is now very much neglected. Twelfth Night, as the festival was sometimes called, was generally a time of religious festivity. I well remember the celebrations we had at St. Peter's House at the beginning of my ministry and some of the Twelfth Night parties given by Miss Mary Coles to the Divinity School boys and the girls of the Deaconess House. I wonder if any parish is celebrating the happy event now?

Francis M. Taitt

Bishop Hart's Page

We may assume that the world is in a mess and that the way out is based on Christian principles. We would not find much disagreement on those two statements. If we make a third statement about the necessity of the Church, we find great disagreement. The "Church" and "Christianity" stand for two different things in the thinking of many people. Many feel that much that is most hopeful and promising in contemporary life and religion stands in no conscious relation to the Church. To them the Church is at its best a useful religious organization; at its worst, a necessary evil. We cannot answer such a statement by appealing to history. Many will readily grant that the whole solid strength of Christianity has been embodied in the Christian Church, but they feel that the Church has now outgrown its usefulness.

The Episcopal Church for good or ill is parochial. It is worth noticing that many theorists who talk about religious revival have never served as parish priests. I agree with the writer who said that what drives God off His Throne in the hearts of ordinary men and women is the unread Bible, the unsaid Prayers, the unreceived Sacrament, and the unvisited Church. The characteristic activity of the Church lies in worship and evangelism. We are not seeking to develop in men a vague admission of Christianity, but we are seeking to develop more active Churchmen. We face squarely the question, "What is my parish worth for the purpose of Christ's kingdom?"

"Let the Church be the Church." This phrase from the report of the World Conference on Life and Work is on the lips of many at this time. "Let Christian believers reaffirm," said Miss Georgia Harkness, "in humility but in confidence, the divine transcendance of the institution that is the Body of Christ." The Church is God's act through Christ. It implies transformed relationships between God and men, and men and one another, brought into being by the divine initiative. We need to keep this in mind if we

are to avoid any thought that we are making an invidious comparison between those in and out of the Church. We are not thinking, "Is it necessary to be a Church member to be saved?" Rather we are thinking, "Is the Church necessary to the fulfilment of God's purpose?"

Believing that the Church is necessary, the world should see in our parish fellowships something so unique that it takes Jesus Christ to explain it. We shall never do the most effective work until we regain the New Testament conception of the Church. We need not worry too much about the fact that many outsiders have very little regard today for the Christian Church. What should concern us is that many Churchmen have no burning concern for its welfare. This is shown by the fact that they allow months to go by without making any conscious effort to bring one person nearer to Christ through His Church. Personal work is not a peculiar prerogative of the clergy. It applies to every member of the Church and should call forth the best thinking and the most careful planning on the part of the ablest men and women of the Church.

Oliver J. Hart

Bishop Coadjutor.

WAR COMMISSION

The first meeting of the reorganized War Commission in the Diocese met at the Church House on January 6th with Bishop Hart acting as Chairman. Mr. Lewis N. Lukens was elected Vice-Chairman and plans were made to secure a full-time Director. Announcement of this will probably be made in the next issue of THE CHURCH NEWS. The Commission paid an enthusiastic and well-deserved tribute to Miss Emma Brehm for her work as volunteer Office Secretary. From May 1 to December 31, 1942, 3,913 War Crosses were distributed through Miss Brehm's office. During the Christmas season 4,028 Christmas letters were mailed to men in service from the two Bishops of the Diocese. Mrs. James T. Davis was appointed to secure volunteer workers to assist Miss Brehm in this very valuable service. Father Wood also called attention to the very splendid work being done by the Girls' Friendly Society of the Diocese. All those having suggestions for the War Commission should send them to Bishop Hart at the Church House.

BISHOP HART WILL ORDAIN

Bishop Hart will hold his first ordination in the Church of Our Saviour, Jenkintown, Sunday morning, February 14th, when he will ordain William Barnstead Schmidgall to the office of the Diaconate.

MISS JACKSON'S ILLNESS

The Church House is more than a building. It is made up of persons interested in the whole life of the Church. The spirit of helping each other has made the work run smoothly. The illness of Miss Alberteen Jackson, of the bookkeeping department, placed much work upon the other girls at this busy season when the books close. Miss Jackson has had a serious operation but the skill and care of the doctors and nurses of the Episcopal Hospital has brought a full recovery. It is expected that Miss Jackson will resume her work early in February.

Religious Education

Aids to the Lenten Offering

Soon will begin the raising of the Lenten Offering which is a vital part of the Church's work. Our Diocese has always had a large share in this. The effectiveness of the financial effort is greatly improved if the boys and girls of our Church schools know what it is all about, especially the purpose for which the money is raised.

This year the study material is about our neighbors in the Caribbean area where our Church is carrying on missionary work; Cuba, Haiti, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, and Panama Canal Zone.

Movies of Latin America

Films of our Church's work in Latin America will be available through the Church School Committee from the middle of February to the middle of April. They are 16 mm., silent, mostly in color, and the showing time is 45 minutes for each film. Rental is $1.00 per showing. If a parish has no projector, the Church School Committee will make arrangements for one to be borrowed or rented. Two volunteers have already offered to operate these machines, others are being sought to learn how to operate and then give their services to show the films in parishes that have no projector they can borrow. The schedule of available films will be as follows:

"Our Work with Bishop Colmore in Puerto Rico"—Feb. 15th to Mar. 13th.

"Work and Worship in the Canal Zone"—Mar. 3rd to Mar. 29th.

"In Mexico and Cuba"—Apr. 3rd to Apr. 15th.

Bookings, Room 30, Church House.

Become Good Neighbors

Much has been said recently about the "Good Neighbor Policy" towards the Republics to the south of us. This Lent, in our Church Schools, we will have an opportunity to learn more about them and also to do something for them. The Church School Committee will be sending out several suggested projects that will make the raising of the offering more concrete and interesting.

Diocesan Youth Service

The Youth Commission is making plans for the All-Youth Service to be held this year on Sunday, March 7th, at 3 P. M. Details later.

WINTER CONFERENCE

The Department of Religious Education announces the following schedule, which is open to all in the Diocese who may be interested. Phone Spruce 6650.

Five Tuesdays—February 2nd - March 2nd, 1943 Registration—50c

Church House, 202 S. 19th St. and Church of the Holy Trinity

6.30 P. M. to 7.00 P. M.	7.00 P. M. to 7.30 P. M.
FELLOWSHIP AND RECREATION Folk Dancing, Singing and Games Miss Helen W. McHenry in charge	CHAPEL THE REV. FRANKLIN JOINER, D.D. Holy Trinity Church

	7.40 P. M. to 8.25 P. M.	8.35 P. M. to 9.20 P. M.
SCHOOL OF CHURCH LIFE	The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man (If enrolment warrants this class will be divided into two groups.) Lecturers: Rev. Leicester C. Lewis, S.T.D., Ph.D. — Rev. James M. Niblo, D.D. Rev. Frederick W. Blatz — Miss Lily Cheston Discussion Leaders: Miss Florence L. Newbold — Miss Elizabeth P. Frazier	
	Unity Between the Presbyterian and Episcopal Churches Rev. L. S. Mudge, D.D., LL.D. Rev. L. C. Lewis, S.T.D., Ph.D. Rev. E. Felix Kloman	The Practical Value of Doctrine Rev. Addison A. Ewing, S.T.D.
SPECIAL INTERESTS	How to Teach Miss Agnes Hickson	Teaching Creatively Miss Elizabeth R. Balmer
	Handcrafts in Church Work Mr. Harry A. Harris	
	The Work of An Altar Guild Mrs. Sumner H. Cross	Latin America Miss Elizabeth A. Jenks
	The Ministry of the Church Rev. James C. Gilbert, Leader	Church School Objectives and Courses (For clergy and superintendents) Rev. Charles E. Tuke, D.D., and others.
YOUTH	I BELIEVE Rev. John N. Peabody, and others	
MUSIC	Getting Acquainted with the Hymnal Rev. Frank Williamson, Jr.	Development of Church Music Mr. H. Wm. Hawke, Mus.Bac.

BURD SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

On January 15, 1943, Miss Florence L. Davies became the Principal of the Burd School, in succession to Miss Margaret P. Tappen, retired. In announcing her election, the Vestry of St. Stephen's Church, under which the Burd School operates, stated:

"Miss Davies is a Philadelphian, where her family resides. She is a graduate of St. Mary's Hall at Burlington, New Jersey, and of Randolph Macon University. She brings a wide experience in the work with children, having been actively engaged in child welfare work in Louisville, Kentucky, and at the Church Home at Macon, Georgia."

ADVENT OFFERING

$946.90 has been received in the Advent Offering of the Church Schools for the renovation of the Parish House of the Church of the Annunciation, for the use of St. Christopher's Mission.

ANNUAL REPORTS

The Secretary of Convention, Rev. Charles H. Long, asks that Treasurers and Accounting Wardens co-operate promptly with their rectors in preparing the annual reports. There is much detailed information to be secured before convention and one delayed return affects the true picture of the state of the Diocese.

Important Events and Work in the Diocese

CHINA RELIEF PROGRAM

The long-anticipated presentation of money raised for the United China Relief Fund by the Girls' Friendly Society is at last arranged. A very special program—altogether Chinese in character—will take place at Christ Church Community House on Saturday afternoon, February 27th, beginning with a Chinese luncheon at 1 o'clock. There will be a brief play, a display of Chinese goods and posters, and a distinguished Chinese leader in education will speak. Mr. Wei-Ts Zen, former head of the School of Education, University of Shanghai, and now a resident at Crozer Seminary while studying at the University of Pennsylvania, will bring first-hand information and impressions of his long-suffering people. Following Mr. Zen's address, the offerings from the Branches and Junior Classes will be presented, with just a word from each as to how the money was raised. This program is under the chairmanship of Miss Edith Naysmith, St. Mark's Frankford Branch, and G. F. S. Diocesan Chairman for Christian Social Relations.

The campaign for the money-raising has been carried out by a committee under the chairmanship of Mrs. Edith Washbourn, Diocesan Members Branch, which will, in connection with this special event, make one more effort to increase the amount to be presented by holding a "China for China" Sale.

The G. F. S. refrains from making any direct appeal through the columns of THE CHURCH NEWS, but just this once, does ask the help of any who read this column. **If you have a piece of china you can spare, a dish, an ornament, a small antique, will you leave it in Room 42 at the Church House, between now and February 27th?** Its sale may mean a week's food for a little Chinese child, you know.

A cordial invitation is extended to all who may be interested to share on the 27th in this worth-while event. Further information can be secured and luncheon reservations made through G. F. S. Headquarters, Room 42, at the Church House, any week-day, except Saturday, between 11 and 1 o'clock.

LEAGUE FOR THE ISOLATED

The meetings of the Church League for the Isolated are always held a short time before the expiration of the current Forward booklets, so our next meeting will be on Friday, February 26th, at 10:30 in Room 1, Church House.

At this time we will distribute to our sub-chairmen the Lenten "Forward," which they in turn will mail or deliver in person to their isolated or "shut-ins" who are eagerly awaiting their visits. Our meetings are made interesting by our sub-chairmen bringing reports of their visits on behalf of the League. Everyone is welcome.

FOR ALL WOMEN

There will be a Quiet Day at St. Margaret's House, 5419 Germantown Avenue, on Washington's Birthday, February 22nd, conducted by the Rev. Benjamin R. Priest. Holy Communion at 8.30 A. M., closing at 4 P. M. There is overnight accommodation for any who desire it.

OLDER BOYS AND MEN

At the Diocesan Winter Conference to be held on each consecutive Tuesday evening from February 2nd to March 2nd, the Commission on Recruiting for the Ministry has arranged a course on the Ministry of the Church, the leader to be the Rev. James C. Gilbert. The period will be from 7.40 to 8.25 P. M.

The course is open to older boys, and also men.

FOR ADULTS

A Committee on Adult Education has been formed under the Department of Religious Education, composed of three members from that body and three members from the Department of Christian Education of the Woman's Auxiliary. Packets containing material on *A Just and Durable Peace, Race Relations, Christian Family Life,* and *Latin America* are available at the Church House. The Committee hopes to encourage study classes in the several parishes.

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

February and March

	BISHOP TAITT	BISHOP HART
	February 2nd—Tuesday	
Evg.		Phila.—St. Mary's Chapel
	February 7th—Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany	
A. M.	Phila.—Christ and St. Michael	A. M. Phila.—All Saints, Moyamensing
P. M.	Phila.—St. Luke, Germantown	P. M. Phila.—St. Elizabeth
Evg.	Phila.—St. Timothy, Roxborough	Evg. Phila.—Prince of Peace
	February 14th—Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany	
A. M.	Ardmore—St. Mary	
P. M.	Aronimink—Holy Comforter	P. M. Phila.—St. Andrew, West
Evg.	Eddystone—St. Luke	Evg. Phila.—St. Thomas
	February 21st—Septuagesima Sunday	
A. M.	Phila.—Zion	A. M. Phila.—Mediator (Visitation)
P. M.	Phila.—St. Alban, Roxborough	P. M. Phila.—St. John Chrysostom
Evg.	Norwood—St. Stephen	Evg. Phila.—Crucifixion
	February 28th—Sexagesima Sunday	
		A. M. Phila.—The Saviour
		P. M. Phila.—St. Barnabas, Haddington
		Evg. Bustleton—St. Luke
	March 7th—Quinquagesima Sunday	
A. M.	Willow Grove—St. Anne	A. M. Phila.—Holy Communion
P. M.	Wyncote—All Hallows	P. M. Phila.—Transfiguration
Evg.	Chester—St. Luke	Evg. Yeadon—St. Michael
	March 14th—First Sunday in Lent	
A. M.	Downingtown—St. James	A. M. Phila.—Epiphany, Sherwood
P. M.	West Chester—Ascension	
Evg.	West Chester—Holy Trinity	Evg. Bristol—St. James
	March 21st—Second Sunday in Lent	
A. M.	Bala—St. Asaph	
P. M.	Wynnewood—All Saints	
	March 28th—Third Sunday in Lent	
A. M.	Chester—St. Paul	A. M. Phila.—St. Paul, Chestnut Hill
P. M.	Clifton Heights—St. Stephen	
Evg.	Collingdale—Trinity	Evg. Phila.—St. John, Evangelist

OUR INDIANS GO TO WAR

Since 1866 the Indian's Hope Association of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Pennsylvania has been unceasingly demonstrating to the Dakota (Sioux) Indians that of all the things which were brought to America from Europe Christ's way of Life is the one of greatest value. This, the Dakotas were shown, they might take for themselves.

Now, in 1943, as the Dakota people send their sons off to war they give them, as a last word, the admonition that to be courageous a man must keep himself strong in the Lord.

For this leave-taking all the village comes together at the chapel. There the church service is held in the Dakota language by a Dakota minister. After that the people gather into the ancient circle and the soldier boys sit in the center. Then, for three hours, the wise old men of the tribe tell those who are going far away of the value of spiritual power in their lives and of where and how it may be found. All the community, young and old, sit there, too, to listen, to learn and to give assent. At the end of the ceremony the mothers serve a simple feast.

Often it is past midnight when the boys and their parents return to their cabin homes. Before daybreak those boys will be off for war. Just before a boy starts his father reads prayers. He reads in the Dakota tongue from the Book of Common Prayer.

Mrs. David W. Clark, writing from the Crow Creek Reservation, South Dakota, comments:

"For ages long these people have valued spiritual possessions above great riches. In Christ's way of Life which they, through the church, have taken for their own way, they have strengthened and enriched that which they valued most.

"If now, in times of strain and stress for all peoples of the earth, this small minority group of Indian Americans shows faith in the value of such spiritual power and shows it in its own way, one may say that Dakota mission work, including the vital part carried on by the Indian's Hope Association for three generations, has been successful.

"It is not to be doubted that the church, having gone so far in seventy-seven years, will continue to demonstrate that by working in this missionary fellowship the Dakotas, and all men everywhere, may live in those ennobling circumstances which make for abundant life."

THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

President's Letter

We are glad to learn that Bishop Hart has accepted the leadership of the new Army and Navy Commission. We wish him the greatest success. It is very gratifying that he has appointed Mrs. James T. Davis as the representative of the Woman's Auxiliary. Mrs. Davis has had the vision from the beginning and her enthusiasm has never diminished.

The women are preparing now for the study of Latin America during Lent. It would be splendid if other parishes would follow the example of St. Luke's, Germantown, and have a combined class for all the parish. To become informed about our neighbors and learn what the status of the Church is there, would be a long step towards a happy relationship in the future. Can't we help organize such a group in our own parish?

MARGARET PACKARD.

The Foreign Committee

It is with great gratitude that I am able to report that, due to intensive personal effort on the part of the delegates, the Foreign Committee fulfilled all its pledges and also completed its special to Dornakal, India. Total, $5,750.00.

We begin the New Year with courage and determination to continue our work on the same scale.

The speaker at the next meeting, January 20th, will be the Reverend Ernest H. Forster from Shanghai.

Department of Social Relations

All who are free to do so are invited to attend a Panel Discussion to be held at the Church House on Friday, February 19th, at 10.30 A. M., under the auspices of the Department of Social Relations of the Woman's Auxiliary. The subject is "The Negro, the Church and the Community." The Panel will consider "an approach from the standpoint of achievement," and will consist of Rev. Robert W. Bagnall, D.D., Chairman, Rector of St. Thomas' Church; Miss Marjorie Penney, head of Fellowship House; Dr. Tanner G. Duckrey, Principal, Paul Lawrence Dunbar Public School, and Mr. Donald C. Rubel, Chairman, Executive Committee, South Broad Street U. S. O. Club. There will be an art exhibit arranged by Mr. Allan Freelon.

Devotional Committee

This year, "the World Day of Prayer," to be observed on Friday, March 12th, to which our Devotional Committee has been consistently calling our attention, gives us another opportunity of joining in a great act of worship and making us feel as one in our sense of failure on the one hand and our abiding hope on the other.

It is because of all that has been given to us who have attended these World Day of Prayer Services in the past, that we wish for every other woman this rare experience of living, for one hour, on one day in the year, unconscious of our differences, because, on our knees, beside our fellows, we find the meaning of the words, "Our Father."

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BISHOP ROWE MEMORIAL

The Rt. Rev. John Boyd Bentley, acting Bishop of Alaska, preached at Holy Trinity Church on Sunday, January 17th, at the morning service; and was heard at St. Thomas', Whitemarsh, on the afternoon of Monday, January 18th. It is hoped that he will be available for other appointments in the Diocese.

Bishop Bentley is particularly interested in appealing for funds for the Bishop Rowe Memorial, which is to be a Diocesan House, long badly needed in the District of Alaska. It is estimated the cost will approximate $55,000, with endowment

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MEMORIAL GIFTS

Recent gifts and memorials received by the Church of the Atonement, West Philadelphia, include an American flag, the gift of Camp No. 20, Patriotic Order of Americans; a Church flag, given by Mr. and Mrs. John T. Hibbert in loving memory of their son, John Thomas Hibbert, Jr.; and a Processional Cross, the gift of the children of Mary H. Wagner, in loving memory of their mother.

A new purple Dossal Curtain, the third to be given in three months, is the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sapp in loving memory of two sisters and two aunts of Mrs. Sapp. It will be consecrated on Septuagesima Sunday, February 21st.

BISHOP CONFIRMS AT ST. BARNABAS' CHURCH

At the evening service on Sunday, December 13th, the Rev. Francis M. Taitt, S.T.D., LL.D., visited St. Barnabas' Church in Germantown, where the Rev. E. Sydnor Thomas is rector, and administered confirmation for the last time to a class of 25.

Just before the actual "Laying on of Hands," Father Thomas paid tribute to Bishop Taitt for his deep interest and concern in St. Barnabas all through his administration, and in the name of the congregation presented the Bishop with a basket of fruit.

The Rev. Arthur C. Moore, Vicar of St. Monica and St. Cyprian, and the Rev. Charles H. Long, Executive Secretary of the Diocese, participated in the services. The music was under the direction of Harold James, organist and choirmaster.

CLERICAL CHANGES

Rev. George C. Anderson
Called to Trinity, Swarthmore.

Rev. Harvey D. Butterfield
Resigned from St. Luke's, Germantown.

Rev. Sydney Atmore Caine
Is now on the Staff of St. John's, Norristown, in charge of St. Augustine's Chapel.

Rev. George E. Condit
Called to the Redemption, 56th and Market Streets, from the Church of the Holy Communion, Washington, D. C.

Rev. Matthew W. Davis
Appointed to Ascension, West Chester.

Rev. Melvin M. Heckler
Appointed to St. Martin's, Marcus Hook.

Rev. John T. Williston
Formerly Vicar at St. Augustine's, Norristown, now Assistant at St. John's.

RECTOR RESIGNS

The resignation of Rev. J. Jarden Guenther from the rectorship of Trinity Church, Swarthmore, was submitted to the vestry about six weeks ago. It was accepted at Christmas time and became effective January 31, 1943. Mr. Guenther has completed 13 years at Trinity Church and plans to rest for a time on his farm.

INSTITUTIONS

The Rev. George Christian Anderson, who was acting Rector of St. Paul's Church, Chester, until January 1st, has accepted his election as Rector of Trinity Church, Swarthmore. Bishop Taitt will install Mr. Anderson on Tuesday evening, February 2nd, which will be the sixtieth anniversary of Bishop Taitt's own ordination. It is an interesting coincidence that his first church was Trinity Church, Southwark.

On Monday evening, February 1st, Bishop Taitt will institute the Rev. Herbert W. Jones as Rector of Zion Church. A reception to Mr. and Mrs. Jones will follow in the Parish House.

Church House will be closed all day Washington's Birthday, February 22nd, by action of the Executive Council.

ST. LUKE'S, GERMANTOWN

The Rev. Harvey Dean Butterfield, Rector of St. Luke's Church since February 23, 1941, officiated at services on Sunday, January 10, 1943, for the last time. He resigned to accept a call to Trinity Church, Rutland, Vt.

He returns to his native state, having been born in Burlington. He graduated from the University of Vermont in 1931 and from the General Theological Seminary, New York, in 1934. He came to the Diocese of Pennsylvania in that year as curate at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Rosemont. In 1935 he became Rector of Christ Church, Media, and in 1941 was elected to the rectorship of St. Luke's, in succession to the present Bishop of Chicago, the Rt. Rev. Wallace Conkling, D.D. Fr. Butterfield was warmly welcomed and greatly liked by the people of St. Luke's, and will be greatly missed.

Until a new Rector is chosen, the curate, the Rev. Theodore E. A. Levan, will serve as priest-in-charge.

On Wednesday evening, January 13th, the Men's Club of St. Luke's gave a dinner at which the Rt. Rev. Oliver J. Hart, Bishop Coadjutor, was the special guest of honor and the principal speaker. About 100 attended. The recently elected officers of the Men's Club were introduced: President, Sidney Deppe; Vice-President, James Watt; Treasurer, Norman Jones; Secretary, Robert Hearne. The former President, Louis Schaeffer, introduced Fr. Levan, who in turn called upon Bishop Hart.

One of St. Luke's candidates for Holy Orders, Samuel Wagner, now studying at Nashotah, will be ordained to the Diaconate by Bishop Hart in the near future.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

Whether there will be 200 or 300 men at the Annual Communion arranged jointly by the Church Club and the Brotherhood of St. Andrew on Washington's Birthday; whether good or bad weather; whether autos or no transportation, the service will be held at Holy Trinity Church, 19th and Walnut Streets, on Monday, February 22nd, at 8 A. M. Bishop Taitt will officiate.

Breakfast will follow at the Stephen Girard Hotel. Bishop Hart will be the guest speaker.

"BASIC PRINCIPLES"

The Rev. E. Felix Kloman, Chairman of the Diocesan Commission on Relations with the Presbyterian Church, presented a paper before the Clerical Brotherhood on Monday, January 18th, on the above topic. The substance of his presentation is given herewith:

A Bit of History

General principles find easy acceptance. Concrete suggestions all too often are divisive. Our Master presented general principles, but through His life he made those general principles concrete in everyday living. In our desire for Church Unity we have to seek to make the general principle, which finds universal acceptance, concrete in our everyday living.

As far back as 1853 official action was taken by the Protestant Episcopal Church in the matter of Christian unity. The so-called "Muhlenberg Memorial" deplored the evils of division. The Bishops then appointed a Commission of Bishops empowered to confer with other Christian bodies in our land who were desirous of promoting "godly union and concord." Suggestions and recommendations were made, but little was accomplished. Again in 1886 the matter was revived and a solemn declaration was adopted setting forth:

"1. Our earnest desire that the Saviour's prayer, 'That we all may be one,' may, in its deepest and truest sense, be speedily fulfilled.

"2. That we believe that all who have been duly baptized with water, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, are members of the Holy Catholic Church.

"3. That in all things of human ordering or choice, relating to modes of worship and discipline, or to traditional customs, this Church is ready in the spirit of love and humility to forego all preferences of her own.

"4. That this Church does not seek to absorb other Communions, but rather, cooperating with them on the basis of a common faith and order, to discountenance schism, to heal the wounds of the body of Christ, and to promote the charity which is the chief of Christian graces and the visible manifestation of Christ to the world."

Foundation of "Quadrilateral"

The Bishops then defined the principles of unity as follows:

"1. The Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the revealed word of God.

"2. The Nicene Creed as the sufficient statement of the Christian faith.

"3. The two Sacraments—Baptism and the Supper of the Lord—ministered with unfailing use of Christ's words of institution and of the elements ordained by Him.

"4. The historic Episcopate, locally adapted in the method of its administration to the varying needs of the nation and peoples called of God into the unity of His Church. (In 1888 this statement of the principles of unity was reaffirmed with modifications by the Conference of Bishops of the Anglican Communion held at Lambeth Palace. Thereafter it was known as the 'Lambeth Quadrilateral,' and was the basis of the 'Appeal to all Christian People' made in 1920.)"

A Joint Commission on Christian Unity resulted and conversations were carried on with the General Council, South, of the Evangelical Lutherans, the Provincial Synod of the Moravians and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

Before Us Today

Now, fifty years later, we find the Episcopal Church and the Presbyterian Church again in conference and active study looking toward organic unity.

The Commission on Unity of the House of Bishops which reported to the General Convention of 1937, was composed of men representative of all shades of churchmanship and opinion. They unanimously reported a proposal for a definite step looking toward organic union between the Episcopal and the Presbyterian Churches. Their declaration affirmed that "The two Churches, one in the faith of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Word of God, recognizing the Holy Scriptures as the supreme rule of faith, accepting the two Sacraments ordained by Christ, and believing that the visible unity of Christ's Church is the will of God, hereby solemnly declare their purpose to achieve organic union." The proposal was adopted without a single dissenting vote in the House of Bishops. Later it was adopted by the House of Deputies. Thus it became the action of General Convention. Later the statement was adopted by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church. Both churches are thus on record as believing that "the visible unity of Christ's Church is the will of God." It is important to keep that fact clearly in mind.

Concordat and Proposals

The Joint Commissions have been meeting together for conferences in conformity with the actions of the two governing bodies. In 1939 a Concordat was proposed and in 1940 a proposal of Joint Ordination was made. These proposals were submitted for criticism and suggestions.

The Concordat was an effort to provide for those places where one minister if given ministerial status in both bodies could minister to communicants of both churches. Joint Ordination was conceived as a way of bringing the two bodies together by ordaining all future ministers in both churches.

For Present Consideration

Both plans fell short of the goal. Now, after weighing carefully all the criticisms and suggestions, the Joint Commissions have submitted, after careful study and deliberation, a document entitled "Basic Principles." It aims to set forth "the basic principles of faith, worship and government upon which there must be agreement by the two churches as the foundation on which a United Church can be reared."

The unity envisaged does not rule out diversity of organization and worship. But it does look forward to acceptance on the part of each by the other,—common church councils, intercommunion and an accepted ministry.

The essentials are considered to be:

1. The Bible as the rule of faith.
   The Nicene and Apostles' Creeds as the statement of faith.
   The Confession of Faith and Book of Common Prayer to contain the system of doctrine.
2. Freedom in forms of worship unless and until the United Church agrees on a common form.
   The two Sacraments instituted by Christ—Baptism and the Lord's Supper.
3. Government through a series of graduated councils.
4. The ordaining of Presbyters or Priests and the making of Deacons or Licentiates, to be by Bishops or Presbyteries.
5. The ruling Eldership.
6. The Presbyterate and the Laity to have equal voice in the councils of the Church with the Episcopate.
7. The present constitutional rights of congregations to remain.
8. Confirmation as a representative rite of the whole Church.

To enable clergymen of both Churches to administer the Word and Sacraments to all members of the United Church a

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ARMY CHAPLAIN REPORTS

(Continued from January issue)

By STANLEY V. WILCOX
*Chaplain, 190th Field Artillery**

Special Services

The Chaplain's Manual calls the attention of Chaplains to the opportunity for special services presented by the outstanding days in the Christian Year Calendar.

In the 190th Field Artillery, it was the desire of all that, even though we were in active field service, these great days, monuments of our Christian Faith should be properly observed.

The following accounts of the Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Services, written by Colonel Wolfe, the Commanding Officer of the regiment, for his home town paper, "The Lewisburg (Pa.) News," will be of interest.

Palm Sunday

"Palm Sunday was fittingly observed within the regiment on Sunday. We had a joint service; the 166th Field Artillery and our own regiment, the 190th, met in a pine grove just across the street from our headquarters. The 166th Regiment does not have a Chaplain, and our Chaplain, Major Stanley V. Wilcox, is acting in that capacity. We have erected a platform in the grove. Future church services will be held in this grove when weather permits.

"Both regiments, headed by their bands, marched to church. The regimental flags and guidons were placed on the platform, which was nicely decorated with palms. Following the service each person was presented with a sprig of palm. Numerous hymns were sung, accompanied by the bands. Approximately 1,000 were in attendance.

Good Friday

"Good Friday P. M. was declared a half-holiday in camp, and Chaplain Wilcox conducted appropriate services between the hours of two and three o'clock. Two regiments, the 166th and the 190th, the 73rd Artillery Brigade Headquarters Battery, and the 101st Radio Intelligence Company, of Pittsburgh, participated in the service. The following hymns were sung, accompanied by the bands of the two regiments: 'In the Hour of Trial,' 'Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross,' 'When I Survey the Wondrous Cross,' 'Rock of Ages,' and 'In the Cross of Christ I Glory.' The scripture reading was the Crucifixion, Christ's death on the cross. At three o'clock, the Chaplain asked for a moment of silent prayer, followed by the benediction.

Easter Day

"Just came from church services. We had a glorious Easter program. The 166th Field Artillery again joined with our regiment, and approximately 2,000 were in attendance. The hymns sung were 'Christ the Lord Is Risen Today,' 'Lift Up

Your Heads,' and 'How Firm a Foundation.' Three vocal solos were sung by members of the regiments, while a combined chorus of the two regiments sang 'Hallelujah, Hallelujah.' The scripture reading was 1st Corinthians, Chapter 15, beginning at the 20th verse. Chaplain Wilcox preached on 'The Risen Lord.' Our 190th band accompanied in the hymnal singing. A responsive reading, 'Christ's Resurrection,' was led by Colonel Clarence Whipple, C. O., 166th F. A., of Williamsport.

"Chaplain Wilcox conducted two Communion Services, one at 6 o'clock A. M., and the other following the morning church service. The attendance at each service was gratifying. Many ladies were in attendance at the three services in the morning, most of whom were wives, sisters and sweethearts of the officers and men.

"The platform was decorated with Easter Lilies. One was presented by a merchant from Hattiesburg in memory of a brother who lost his life in France during the World War. The officers of the 190th presented the writer with a handsome cluster of Easter Lilies, which were placed on the altar during the services."

Maneuvers

The maneuvers of June, 1941, were held in Louisiana. From our brigade, the Brigade Staff and Headquarters Battery, the Regimental Staff, the Regimental and Battalion Headquarters Batteries took part. The idea of the maneuvers was, of course, to simulate as near as possible, actual combat conditions.

We arrived at our rendezvous point in Louisiana, a former National Guard camp, on Saturday morning. As the only Chaplain of the brigade accompanying the troops, I immediately began to make arrangements for Sunday services. A brigade service was organized at what seemed a suitable hour, and I went to a nearby camp and arranged for a service for our Jewish men and also for a Roman Catholic Chaplain to celebrate mass for our Roman Catholic boys. When all the arrangements were completed an order came through that we were to move out to the combat area at a very early hour on Sunday morning. This order, naturally, upset all our church service arrangements.

We arrived in position about noon. After the noonday meal I contacted the Brigade Commander, General William A. March, of Norristown, Pa., to plan for a brigade service in a large pavilion fronting a lake. This seemed a very suitable place because a heavy rain was falling at the time. The Brigade Commander was enthusiastic about such a service, but inasmuch as we were simulating combat conditions, the General said it would be impossible for us to have any concentration of troops, particularly since we were under aerial observation.

None of us wanted the day to go by without suitable religious observance. I then realized, as I never realized before, what it meant to have the full co-operation of all the officers of the regiment and brigade.

I know that parents and friends of men in the service often wonder about the kind of leaders our men are serving under. I think that the experience of this rainy Sunday will

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* Corrected from the January issue.

JR. WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Gay flags and posters of Latin American countries welcomed those attending the sectional meeting of the Junior Woman's Auxiliary that was held at the Church of Our Saviour, West Philadelphia, in January. The President, Mrs. J. Harry East, presided and welcomed young women from various churches in West Philadelphia Convocation. It was thrilling to hear of the wonderful Christmas program carried on by the Juniors of St. Thomas's. Reports were presented by the Diocesan officers and by the Presidents of the several branches. This was followed by a game of "flags" and a quiz on Latin America. A grand evening of fun!

February, having been designated as Inter-racial Brotherhood Month, the Junior Woman's Auxiliaries of the Diocese are asked to remember the scholarship fund for Japanese-American students. Contributions go to the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief, and checks should be sent to the Diocesan Treasurer, Miss Eva Young.

The Jr. W. A. is happy to welcome a new and splendid group at the Church of the Atonement, West Philadelphia. Twenty young women attended their first meeting and have enthusiastically outlined a fine program for the year. This includes at least one Corporate Communion, the preparation of a fine assortment of clothing for St. Andrew's Community Center, Maryus, Virginia, making surgical dressings, and study of race relations in the Forward in Service topics.

Juniors are urged to use the movies for the Latin American Program which are obtainable from the Department of Religious Education for one dollar per showing. (See notice elsewhere in this issue.)

Many Junior Auxiliaries are helping to promote the Youth Angelus in their parishes. Those who would like further information about the Angelus, write Miss Nancy Roberts, 37 West Greenwood Avenue, Lansdowne.

Many new members of the Junior Woman's Auxiliary are sharing in the new chapel at the Navy Yard through contributions of nickels and dimes in the "pie-plate fund."

The twelfth annual meeting of the Junior Woman's Auxiliary will be held Wednesday evening, May 12th, with our guest of honor and speaker, Bishop Hart.

MRS. T. N. WALKER ELECTED

The Churchwoman's Club of the Diocese of Pennsylvania held its annual meeting on January 12th and elected Mrs. Thomas N. Walker to the presidency. Mrs. J. Alison Scott, Jr., was elected first vice-president, and Mrs. George Breed, Mrs. Walter Carr, Mrs. Horace Bullock, Mrs. John Hurst, vice-presidents; Mrs. M. R. Butler, recording secretary; Mrs. George H. Frazier, corresponding secretary; Miss Catherine Broadbent, treasurer; and Miss Isabelle Perkins, assistant treasurer.

After the meeting dinner was served. Then followed a Candle Light Service in the Church of the Holy Trinity with Bishop Hart as the preacher.

The meeting and services brought to the minds and hearts of all present the unfailing inspiration and devotion of the late Mrs. J. Alison Scott. During her long term as president she held the esteem and affection of every member of the Club. Mrs. Walker's leadership has been ably proved, and under her direction the Churchwoman's Club will continue to go forward.

LENTEN NOON-DAY SERVICES

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew and St. Stephen's Church have united in planning the annual Lenten Services. They will be held in St. Stephen's Church on 10th Street below Market, beginning Ash Wednesday, March 10th, and continuing on every week-day, including Saturdays, through April 24th, Easter Even. Bishop Taitt will preach on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Bishop Hart will preach during the second week. Other well-known speakers include the Rev. N. R. High Moor, D.D., of Pittsburgh; Very Rev. Kirk B. O'Ferrall, D.D., of Detroit; Rev. Phillips E. Osgood, D.D., of Boston.

A complete list of all Lenten noon-day schedules will be printed in THE CHURCH NEWS for March.

J. W. A.
ANNUAL CARD PARTY
Benefit of
Christian Social Service
HOLY TRINITY PARISH HOUSE
THURSDAY, MARCH 4TH
Prizes Donation 50c 8:15 P. M.

A WAR PROJECT

Miss Blanche M. Nicola, headworker of St. Martha's House, one of the agencies of the Diocese which is a beneficiary of the United War Chest Campaign, reports on a useful war-time activity. She says:

"Day Care—a new phrase, but one rapidly becoming very familiar to those living in industrial areas, is in reality an extension of the Day Nursery idea to meet the growing needs of families affected by the war conditions.

"It became apparent early last year that more and more children were in need of supervision.

"Aided from the first by suggestions and advice from Miss Alice Dashiell whose experience at the Franklin Day Nursery made her help most valuable, the project was set up for 25 children of school age, beginning in the fall.

"Aside from the fact that it is serving an acute need the venture is remarkable for the co-operation which makes it possible. Names of children were furnished by the Key Elementary School. These families were interviewed, budgets discussed and rates set by the Case Worker loaned by the Family Society. The meal planning, buying and supervision is done by the Canteen Service of the Red Cross, and the actual cooking is done by mothers from three of the Mothers' Clubs of the House. The Principal and teachers of Key School are deeply interested and have assisted with the noon supervision. Children under nine are cared for at the Day Nursery and those nine and over are sent to St. Martha's.

"Each child has received a medical examination at St. Martha's Dispensary and will be checked from time to time.

"The case records show that in a number of cases there is only one parent in the home. In every case there has been complete willingness to pay for care. One mother remarked that it was worth every cent to know that her child was being supervised at noon and having a good hot lunch. Many have said they could work better and with peace of mind knowing their children are safe.

"Most of the children were either buying something at the candy store for their noon lunch, or going home to get what could be found on the kitchen table or in the refrigerator.

"New experiences in eating unfamiliar foods have been a little difficult at times, but there has been remarkably little objection to strange foods. James, aged 11, whose mother is dead and whose father is valiantly trying to bring up his family alone, takes Theresa, a neighbor, aged 9, under his protection. He advises her about how to eat and says: 'Just take a little at first and you'll like it.' Theresa also has no mother. She and her father have rooms, and he looks out for her night and morning.

"The children return to St. Martha's after school and are absorbed into the recreation and club program of the House.

"Co-operation with a second elementary school in the neighborhood will begin in another week. This will increase attendance and, we hope, open the way for aid in financing it from the funds set up by the city."

UNITED WAR CHEST CAMPAIGN

You, Too, Can Fight; By Giving

The United War Chest, now heading up to its goal of $7,300,000, and the completion of its drive by February 10th, is many campaigns in one. It is local. It is national. It is international. It is to be one, big overall campaign and eliminates at least sixteen fund raising campaigns this year—each taking time and manpower.

Home Charities

One hundred and fifty agencies serving 500,000 of our neighbors in the Philadelphia area, one out of five men, women and children of all races, creeds and color have need for this United Charities help, which includes the agencies of the Community Fund and of the Jewish Welfare. The family front may mean a pair of shoes with soles on them. It may be a meal on the table. It may mean medical care for the baby . . . glasses for a daughter . . . braces for a crippled son. It may be keeping Johnny away from the Adolescents' Court and teaching him to want to stay away. It may be helping an unmarried mother make plans for her child. Above all, it means keeping the family together when the going is rough. $4,128,000 is needed to finance the services of these social agencies (Approximately $167,000 will apply to the agencies listed in the January CHURCH NEWS.)

War Front

Morale on the war front is always high when it is known that the community is concerned about each of its individuals back home. Our men and women in war service have need of recreation and fellowship which will be available wherever they may be. $826,000 is needed for the National U. S. O. Campaign and $351,000 for local war services. Your gift to the United War Chest will help such united service organizations as: the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A., Salvation Army, Jewish Welfare Board, Travelers' Aid, Emergency Aid War Work, United Seamen's Service and the Stage Door Canteen.

Our Fighting Allies

The United War Chest includes: Appeals for $813,000 which must be raised to help keep the hope and spirit, and to protect the very lives of millions.

United China Relief. China fighting our fight for five long years—devastated by famine, epidemics and ruthless war.

British War Relief. Mobile Kitchens, Ambulance, hospital equipment and a hundred other civilian aids help maintain the already magnificent British courage.

Greek War Relief. A starving nation—one-fifth of its people dead.

Russian War Relief. Russia's winter has brought rigorous hardships for families left helpless by military destruction and a Spartan scorched earth policy.

Polish War Relief. More than 2,000,000 Polish refugees in France, Russia and the Middle East need food, clothing, medical supplies.

Queen Wilhelmina Fund. The Dutch fight on at home and in the South Pacific. We must bolster their determination.

YET THERE IS ROOM

Miss Dora Mathis, Director of the School of Nursing at the Episcopal Hospital, reports that there are still about twenty vacancies in the class now being enrolled. Admission of new applicants will close on February 8th. The need for nurses is urgent and several scholarships are available.

Miss Martha E. Schofield, of St. Alban's Church, Roxborough, has joined the new class.

A SHORT HISTORY

St. John's Church, Norristown

As compiled by Miss Delia P. Gibson

It was in the Summer of 1812 that a few of the leading citizens of Norristown, then a village with a population of not more than 500, met at the law-office of Levi Pawling, to discuss the possibility of an Episcopal Church, there being at that time no church of any denomination nearer than the old Norriton Presbyterian Church on Germantown Pike.

The next meeting was held on December 17th, when organization of a parish was effected, with the name of St. John's chosen—the charter was signed by these leading men of the town:

The Hon. Burd Wilson, Judge of the Montgomery County Court; Francis Swaine, Levi Pawling, Henry Freedley, Sr., John Zieber, George W. Holstein, Matthias Holstein, Philip Markley, Norris Jones, David Thomas, Henry Freedley, Jr., John Markley, George Righter and John Righter.

The seven first signers of the charter became the first vestry.

The charter was granted by the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, January 4, 1813.

On March 31, four acres of ground was purchased from Francis Swaine for $800. The ground was not only for the church building, but also for a burial ground, there being no cemetery nearer than the Lower Providence Presbyterian Church on Ridge Pike.

During the building of the church, services were held in what has gone into history as "the old academy," at the top of Airy Street hill, where is now the entrance to City Hall. Services were conducted by a layman, James Milnor, appointed by Bishop William White. Mr. Milnor later became rector of St. George's Church, New York City.

The church was dedicated by Bishop White, on Good Friday, April 6, 1815, and that event was the highlight of the rectorship of the Rev. Jehu Curtis Clay—the first rector.

A notable event during the rectorship of Mr. Clay was the holding of the Diocesan Convention in St. John's, in May, 1824—with the venerable Bishop White presiding. His last visit to the parish was two years later, when a class of 44 was confirmed, showing the steady growth of the congregation.

The Sunday School

The first mention of a Sunday School was in 1835, when a little frame building was erected on the property, the location later of the rectory garden. This forerunner of a parish building served various purposes until the Sunday School building was built in 1868.

The Rev. Nathan Stem

After a succession of short rectorships, the Rev. Nathan Stem became rector, in January, 1839, and for 20 years served St. John's as rector, also making for himself a place in the civic life of the steadily growing town.

It was during his incumbency that the first addition to the original building was

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A NEW FIELD OF SERVICE

The Girls' Friendly Society has accepted an invitation to co-operate in the work of the new U. S. O. Center, soon to be opened at 510 S. Broad Street. Volunteers will be provided for service at the Snack Bar, in the Library, the Writing Room, and at the Information Desk. The Library system will be set up by a trained Librarian, Mrs. Stuart Bell, Branch President of St. Joseph's, Gladwyn, and several members are already working on draperies and blackout curtains.

As a part of the national G. F. S. effort on behalf of the Victory Book Campaign, books will be gathered from all branches and assigned, if possible to this new Library. A donation of $50.00 to the Snack Bar, from the War Service Committee funds, has also been approved.

Letter From the Far East

Interest in the needs of the men of the 76th Coast Artillery, when stationed here at the Stadium, which was the first piece of war service undertaken last year, still continues and a recent letter from Chaplain Williams acknowledged the gift of towels, sent across many miles of land and sea. One or two Branches are continuing to send such necessary and useful gifts, which in the words of the Chaplain's letter are, in their present station, "as valuable as jewels in America."

Entertainment of Recruits

Until the recent change in enlistment procedure, the society sponsored some of the entertainments at Old Christ Church Neighborhood House for Recruits of the Navy and Marine Corps; it holds itself in readiness to resume this activity, as soon as the opportunity offers.

China Relief Presentation

Money now being raised by the Branches throughout the Diocese for the United China Relief Fund will be presented at a special "China" afternoon on February 27th, and the sum is expected to be a generous one, shared in by all groups, Juniors, Members and Associates. (Page 5.)

Christmas Ingathering

The annual Christmas Party of the Girls' Friendly Society Auxiliary of the Seamen's Church Institute, held at the home of its Chairman, Miss M. Atherton Leach, was a most happy and successful occasion. One hundred and eighty-five knitted articles, a great number of ditty bags and articles to fill other bags, gift packages, groceries, Christmas cards, menu folders, magazines and books, conservatively valued at over $670, were later forwarded to the Institute in time for its Christmas program.

Almost 700 individual gift-units (696 to be exact) were given for Christmas by G. F. S. groups to the Harrison Home, Episcopal Hospital Wards, the Philadelphia General Hospital and Byberry.

GRATITUDE EXPRESSED

The Elizabeth P. Martin League for Service, Philadelphia General Hospital Unit, wishes to acknowledge expressions of appreciation addressed to the Chairman, Mrs. Frederick S. Fox:

From the Philadelphia Protestant Episcopal City Mission:

I wish to express to you and your fellow members in the E. P. Martin League our thanks for the help which you have given Chaplain Ward in his work at the Philadelphia General Hospital in the past year, especially your help at Christmas time when you distributed 1,100 gifts to patients as gifts coming from our Church at work in the hospital.

The value of your service in the hospital is incalculable. It is a matter of special satisfaction to me that your group and our Chaplain have carried on this service in such close co-operation with each other. . . .

JAMES M. COLLINS, *Director.*

From the Department of Public Health, Philadelphia General Hospital:

We wish to thank the members of the Elizabeth Price Martin League for Service for the many, many lovely gifts which they provided for our patients for Christmas. Both the children and adults were delighted with them.

It would be very difficult for every patient to be remembered at Christmas time without the wonderful help of your organization. We are very grateful for your generous service throughout the entire year. . . .

LORETTA M. JOHNSON,
Director, School of Nursing.

IMPORTANT POSTS

Mr. John Kremer, the Accounting Warden of St. Clement's, has been elected President of the American Church Union in succession to Reverend S. C. Hughson, O.H.C.

Mr. Clinton Rogers Woodruff, the Rector's Warden, has been elected for a third term as a Trustee of the General Theological Seminary by the Alumni of the Seminary.

Y. P. FELLOWSHIP

Mr. William J. Haas, of All Saints, Crescentville, reports on recent activities of the Young People's Fellowship. He writes:

"One frequently hears that the youth of today are anything but church minded. Rather they think only in terms of personal pleasure and let those matters which pertain to Christian living go unobserved. But not so with the youth in the Diocese of Pennsylvania. In spite of scarcity of number, the Young People's Fellowship are doing everything they can to live good solid Christian lives. And their actions speak for them. The Fellowship was asked to provide funds for a scholarship to give one of the nurses at Episcopal Hospital means with which to take a post-clinical training course. The needed money was raised at a rally held last November at Resurrection Church, whose rector, Mr. Murray, is a loyal friend of ours. Our check has since been sent to the proper party, and it gives to us all a feeling of joy to know that at least one nurse has been given an opportunity that she might not otherwise have had. That the Fellowship was really behind this project is shown by the fact that over two-thirds of the pledges have already been paid to our treasurer. Yes, the Y. P. F. can always be counted on to lend its hand to a call for aid.

"As a service project for the year the Fellowship has pledged itself to help in every way possible St. John's Settlement House. Twice a week our members go to St. John's and lend Mr. Gilbert a hand with his work. Along with other friends of St. John's, we gave the boys and girls a Christmas party. The Christmas spirit was very much in the air, there were gifts for all and everybody was happy. The boys and girls at St. John's cannot be praised too much for the fine way in which they sang their songs. Mr. Gilbert is right when he says: 'These kids are good.' They are that and more!

"Along with the giving of our time and energy, we have also pledged $100.00 to further the work at St. John's, and it is good to be able to say that already a fair amount of our pledge has been paid.

"But the Fellowship also has time for fun along with its work. Ever since we came to life some twenty years ago, there has been held the Annual Dance. Had you been among us January 16th at the Stephen Girard Hotel you would know that the dance this year, while not quite as large as in the past, yet was a fine party. The success of the affair was due entirely to the efforts of Isabelle Kennedy and her committee. Special thanks are due the girls, who paid their own way to dance with a service man."

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A SHORT HISTORY

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made; the first rectory was built; and attention was given to improvements to the church property. He was responsible for planting of many trees in the graveyard, some of which are still standing.

In 1889 steps were taken to establish a mission in West Norristown, which resulted in the building of All Saints' Chapel, with the Rev. John W. Kaye as minister-in-charge, and also assistant minister at St. John's. In 1897, All Saints' became a self-supporting parish, with the Rev. W. Herbert Burk as rector.

The second missionary expansion was in the eastern end of the town, which resulted in Holy Trinity Mission, at Marshall and High Streets, dedicated by Bishop Whitaker in 1908, which for 10 years was an important branch of St. John's parish—changes in the environment and great increase in the foreign population were in part responsible for its abandonment in 1918, with sale of the property to the Presbytery North. It is now the home of the Italian Presbyterian Mission.

On February 18, 1898, the church was badly damaged by fire, which necessitated restoration and accompanying improvement to the amount of $12,000, half of which was covered by insurance.

Prominent Rectors

After a rectorship of more than a quarter of a century, Mr. Gibson resigned in 1898, and was succeeded by the Rev. Harvey S. Fisher, under whose direction the changes necessitated by the fire were carried out.

Succeeding him was the Rev. Charles Fiske, who remained less than two years. Later he became Bishop of the Diocese of Central New York. He was followed by the Rev. H. St. Clair Hathaway, whose rectorship covered the period of the World War.

On October 19, 1925, a call was extended to the Rev. James M. Niblo, D.D., rector of St. Matthias Church, Los Angeles, California, who accepted, thus becoming rector of the parish in which his youth had been spent as Sunday School scholar, choir-boy, alcolyte and lay reader.

The first years of his rectorate were concerned largely with improvements to the church property. These included, first, such additions to the 75-year-old rectory as make it practically a new building, which in October, 1926, he made his personal gift to the parish.

New Parish House

The old chapel became inadequate to the needs of the parish, and the next step in improvements was the new parish house for which property on Church Street was purchased, the splendid English Tudor building erected as a memorial to the Rev. Harvey S. Fisher, rector from 1898 to 1908.

Next came the enlarging and beautifying of the chancel, and the building of the Lady Chapel, a gem of ecclesiastical architecture, with entrance from the chancel as well as from the nave.

Among the gifts made by the rector to the parish are the High Altar, the Baptistry and the Mortuary Chapel, at the Airy Street end of the church, and the outdoor altar and Calvary group, against the chancel wall.

St. Augustine's

With the physical fabric of St. John in perfect condition, the time came for further missionary work. This resulted in the building of the chapel on Green Street, near Wood Street, for the use of colored people desirous of a place of worship of their own. The name "St. Augustine's" was given the chapel, which was consecrated on November 30, 1930, by the Rt. Rev. Francis M. Taitt.

The chapel is under the supervision of St. John's, the vicar being the Rev. S. Atmore Caine.

No account of the recent improvements to the property of St. John's would be complete without mention of the church yard, in which are buried so many who have been identified with the parish during the century and a quarter of its existence, priests and people. There is also buried in the churchyard one or more soldiers of every war engaged in by our country from the Revolutionary on to the World War.

As a parish, St. John's has always kept abreast of the work of the church at large, especially in its interest in missions. Its many organizations have ever been ready to answer necessary calls from the rector, the diocese and the country.

Now, on the completion of this 130 years the parish enters another period with prospects of upholding the traditions of the past, and of going forward to even greater things, spiritually and materially, in the future.

Welcome Back

Rev. Matthew W. Davis returned to the Diocese on December 1, 1942, to be the Bishop's Vicar at the Chapel of the Ascension, West Chester, as well as student chaplain at Lincoln University, Cheyney State Teachers' College and Downingtown Industrial School. We understand that he will also take up the work again at Sunny Crest Farm for boys, and The Shelter for girls.

Rev. Mr. Davis may be reached at the Vicarage, 119 W. Barnard Street, West Chester. He would like to have the names of all the Episcopalians from our Diocese who are attending the above schools.

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An interesting request has come for suitable books for a library in the Marine Depot, here in Philadelphia; these books must be in good condition and of interest to men. No children's books, please. In one of the Book Drives for the Armed Forces, earlier in the conflict, some of the old "Elsie" books were turned in. These are not wanted.

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The Church Periodical Club welcomes another new branch, St. John, Lower Merion (Cynwyd), with Mrs. William H. Conger, Jr., as the Secretary.

ST. JAMES'S FORUM

You are encouraged to speak your mind and say exactly what you think at the St. James's Forum, 22nd and Walnut Streets, every Sunday at 4 P. M. After a brief presentation of the subject in the Church, the meeting adjourns to another room for light refreshments and open discussion.

The Forum announces the following program for February:

February 7th—Harry K. Butcher, Secretary, Committee of Seventy. "How Can We Have Honest Government?"

February 14th—Rev. Leicester C. Lewis, Ph.D., Rector, Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields. "Does the Present Emergency Demand Church Unity?"

February 21st—Theodore Spaulding, Attorney, President, Local Branch, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. "What Does the Negro Want in the New World?"

February 28th—Very Rev. John K. Shryock, Ph.D., Dean, Convocation of North Philadelphia. "Are Professional Clergy a Help or Hindrance to Religion?"

Some interesting endorsements of the Forum have been received from the Rev. Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, Mayor LaGuardia, including the following from Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt:

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ARMY CHAPLAIN REPORTS

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well bear out the statement that officers of our Army are keenly interested in the spiritual welfare of their men.

The only possible assembly that we could have that day was at mess time. Colonel Wolfe was away at school at the time, and the regiment was in charge of Lieut. Col. John T. Bell of Punxsutawney, Pa. Over our communication lines, Col. Bell contacted the battalion commanders. Battalions of Field Artillery, especially with the heavy calibre gun with which we were equipped, are sometimes widely separated when the battalions are on line. Col. Bell arranged with the battalion commanders that the mess hour should be staggered, and when the men were assembled the Chaplain would be present for a brief service. In this way I was able to hold a religious service for every unit without any great concentration of men in any one place. This could not have been accomplished without full co-operation of officers and men of the regiment.

In many ways these informal services, held during the maneuver period, are some of the richest experiences of this field of service.

IN MEMORIAM

The Rector and Vestry of the Church of the Atonement, Morton, desire to record their deep sense of personal loss and sorrow at the death of the Rector's Warden, Franklin VanMeter Harding, which occurred November 9, 1942.

Mr. Harding was a lifelong member of the Church of the Atonement, and since his confirmation in 1895 he was an active and interested worker in all phases of the Church's life. In addition to his work for this parish, and his long and faithful service on the vestry, he was a member of the Executive Committee of the Convocation of Chester.

His unfailing cheerfulness and his consecrated work on behalf of this parish made him beloved by all who knew him, and the loss of Mr. Harding's aid and counsel is a very serious and irreplacable loss for us all.

We are thankful for the privilege of having worked with and known Mr. Harding and, while we grieve at his loss to us, we rejoice that his life of service can now go on in the Heavenly Kingdom, where he surely will be rewarded for his diligence in the performance of his Father's business.

OBITUARY

There occurred recently the death of two very faithful, long-time members of the Church of the Covenant, 27th and Girard Avenue.

ROBERT G. MCGAHEY, 79, died December 30, 1942. He had been for many years, until ill health occasioned his retirement, a Vestryman and Rector's Warden. The burial service was held at the Church of the Covenant on January 4th. Bishop Taitt, for many years a close personal friend of Mr. McGahey and of Mr. McGahey's mother, officiated, assisted by the Rev. J. F. Weinmann, and the Rev. Roderic Pierce, Rector of the Church of the Covenant.

MRS. JENNIE M. GAW, 81, died January 1, 1943. She had been for many years a most faithful member of the Church of the Covenant and was active in the work of the Woman's Auxiliary and the Woman's Guild of the parish. The burial service was held at the Church of the Covenant on January 5, 1943. The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Roderic Pierce, and the Rev. Robert Williams, Rector of Christ Church, Woodbury, N. J.

Richard Vaux

Services were held at St. Thomas' Church, Whitemarsh, on Friday, January 22nd, at 11 A. M., for Richard Vaux, a former vestryman, whose death occurred on the 19th after a long illness. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ruth Shain Vaux, three daughters, a sister, Mrs. Edward Ingersoll, and two brothers, Henry Pepper Vaux and Dr. Morris Vaux.

Anne Lee Willet

On January 18th, in Atlanta, Ga., occurred the death of Mrs. Anne Lee Willet while visiting her daughter, Mrs. Thomas H. English. Mrs. Willet and the late William Willet, her husband, were outstanding leaders in the stained-glass art in America. Among many installations from her designs were the Joseph Harrison Memorial in Holy Trinity Church and the Alfred C. Harris Memorial in Calvary Church, Germantown. Burial services were conducted in Princeton, N. J. Besides Mrs. English, Mrs. Willet is survived by another daughter, Mrs. Murray Forst Thompson, of Philadelphia, and a son, Henry Lee Willet, a member of St. Thomas' Church, Whitemarsh.

"BASIC PRINCIPLES"

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rite of supplemental ordination is proposed. By supplemental ordination he who receives it, "receives such further grace of orders and such authority" as through God may be conveyed.

Summary

The Rev. Mr. Kloman concluded the paper by saying:

"I have outlined very briefly this effort on the part of the Episcopalian and Presbyterian Churches as I am firmly convinced it is a step in the right direction of trying to understand each other. It may well be, under the leading of the Holy Spirit, as we are willing to follow His lead, a pioneering effort will result that will throw light on the path that leads to the eventual union of all Christendom.

"The real danger for all of us is in inertia. We have stated our belief that it is the will of God that there be visible unity of His Church on earth. The times are critical. The Holy Catholic Church as the Church of all baptized Christians is in schism. As Christians it must be our aim to do the Will of God and not to build up something that is acceptable to ourselves. Our aim must be to build up something that is acceptable to Him. Our unity of faith must be made a ground for unity of practice."

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